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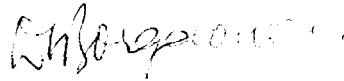
Dear Doctor Lederberg:

I just happened to read your write-up entitled "Risks of Hurricane Taming" which was originally published in the Washington Post, September 12 of this year.

I would particularly like to thank you for the tone of your write-up on the recent furor over the blood tests for the XYY chromosome type. As you mentioned in your article, the concern expressed really should have been directed toward large scale abuses. I would like to point out further that a majority of our chromosome studies were done only upon written informed consent from the parents for a specific chromosome study and only a small number of tests were done upon oral informed consent of the parents and no studies were done without the consent of the parents.

Thanking you again.

Sincerely,



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